NIKE-CHAN... ARE YOU ACTUALLY ENJOYING THIS?
HERO OF JUSTICE PYON-MARU MAN IS HERE, PYON!
PYON-MARU MAN GUARD!
Guard
OUCH!
STUMP
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING CAUSE WE'RE DEAD BROKE
THIS FREE TIME'S SO RIDICULOUS!
AND PYON-MARU'S SUPER UGLY!
Cute
Bunny
roll
flail
roll

HEROES ARE PEOPLE WHO PROTECT EVERYONE THOUGH, RIGHT?
I'M NOT LIKE THAT...
Like you.
Defeats evil.
Hero.
YOU'RE JUST GONNA LET MY "UGLY" QUESTION PASS?
looks like Terris
Pyon-maru Man...
WHAT? AM I REALLY THAT UGLY?
I'M ONLY HERE...
FOR THE SAKE OF PROVING THE LIES (LOVE) FALSE...
AND ERADICATING THEM.
BECAUSE WE ARE...

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Haruta Mayuzumi

T/N: live idols, also known as "underground idols", are lesser known idols who do not typically appear on TV and major media but focus on live concerts and photo events. These idols mainly perform in small "underground" venues, hence the name "underground idol".

SFX: CHEERING

ISN'T IT CRAZY THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE GATHERING HERE FOR THIS LIVE IDOL*?

LONGLEKKAH LILY.

IN ANY CASE, THE PERFORMANCE STYLE OF THESE LIVE CONCERTS ARE REAL INTERESTING TO WATCH.

SFX: LIMP

SFX: WHOOOOO!

LIVE HALL
SEVEN

SFX. STATIC
SFX. WHOOOOO!
YOU EARTHLINGS' LEGS ARE STILL SHORT AS EVER!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE HASN'T IT, EVERYONE!
EVERY TIME I LISTEN TO HER SONGS...
NO MATTER IF I HEAR THEM DOZENS OF TIMES OR HUNDREDS OF TIMES...
LONG, LONGER, LONGEST!
LILY'S BEAUTIFUL VOICE AND LONG LEGS'RE..
I...

YOU CAME TO THE LIVE THIS TIME, TOO!?
AHnnn
EH_?
PLEASE LINE UP HERE TO BUY A CD~
chatter
chatter

THEN 'TIL NEXT TIME—
ISH LONG, LONGER,
LONGEST~!!
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY IT'S MIYAJI SHAN~!
...YEAH
Going to school, coming home from school,
going to Lily's lives...
coming back from them as I am now...
GULP
GULP

DON'T BE CARRYIN' AROUND SUCH HUGE BAGGAGE.

So now, I'm determined not to look back

WATCH IT~!

BUMP

and I go back a little more lonely than usual.

When the lives end, I don't have even one friend...

This new product was a complete fail.

crumple

Wasn't that Lily's way of talking!?

HUH!?

EXCUSE ME.

I MEAN--

ESSCUZ--

Ah.

But the aura she gives off is pretty different from hers, isn't it...?

*Dogeza: kneeling down to someone with your head touching the ground. Used to show respect to a highly revered person, deeply apologize, or ask a favor of someone.

I MEAN, I GET IT, TOO.

THEY SAY THAT IF I TRY TO DO THIS SOLELY BY MY SONGS THAT SUCH A PLAIN-LOOKING WOMAN WON'T SELL WELL.

SO I DRESS UP AND ACT OUT A PART IN ORDER TO CATCH PEOPLES' ATTENTION MORE...

I'M SORRY FOR DECEIVING YOU

I'LL PLUNGE MY FACE INTO THE GROUND AS APOLOGY FOR DISILLUSIONING YOU!

WAAAH!

PLEASE STOP!

GRIND

GRIND

She's way too masochistic!

Even though I'm Lily's fan to begin with, I...

I...

UM...

FLINCH

EVEN IF YOUR NATURAL APPEARANCE IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT, IT'S NOT ANYTHING FOR ME TO BE DISILLUSIONED OVER.
SO, I LIKE LONGLEKKAH LILY'S APPEARANCE AND PERFORMANCES, BUT
IT MAKES ME FEEL VERY HAPPY...
EVERY TIME I LISTEN TO LILY'S SONGS...
CU-
C-
CU-...
-TE.
IN MY OPINION
C-
IS VERY
BESIDES, YOUR HUMILITY ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCE OUT OF COSTUME...

Ah!
I'm sorry! For someone like me to...
DON'T SAY "SOMEONE LIKE ME".
YOU'VE REALLY CHEERED ME UP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
HUH?
clench

I'VE HAD A PRETTY LONG HISTORY OF BEING A LIVE IDOL,

BUT I WASN'T VERY POPULAR AT ALL ..

I TRIED OUT A LOT OF DIFFERENT CONCEPTS,

AND NOW, AT LONG LAST, BECAUSE OF LONGLEKKAH LILY, I'M GRADUALLY STARTING TO GAIN RECOGNITION

AH IS THIS YOUR COSTUME?

I wonder what this feeling is...

DO YOU ALWAYS CARRY AROUND SUCH LARGE BAGGAGE?

YEP.

THANKS TO THESE LITTLE ONES (THIS COSTUME), I'VE NOW...

hugs

OBTAINED MY IMPORTANT DREAM OF BECOMING AN IDOL...

I BELIEVE THAT THE DAY I PART WITH THESE LITTLE ONES

WILL SURELY BE THE DAY I STOP BEING AN IDOL.

THANKS FOR HELPING ME PICK THESE UP.

TAP

TAP

'TIL NEXT TIME...
IT'S LONG, LONGER, LONGEST.
ba-dump
ba-dump
...
SFX. WHACK

I'm just an ordinary fan, and yet...

ba-dump

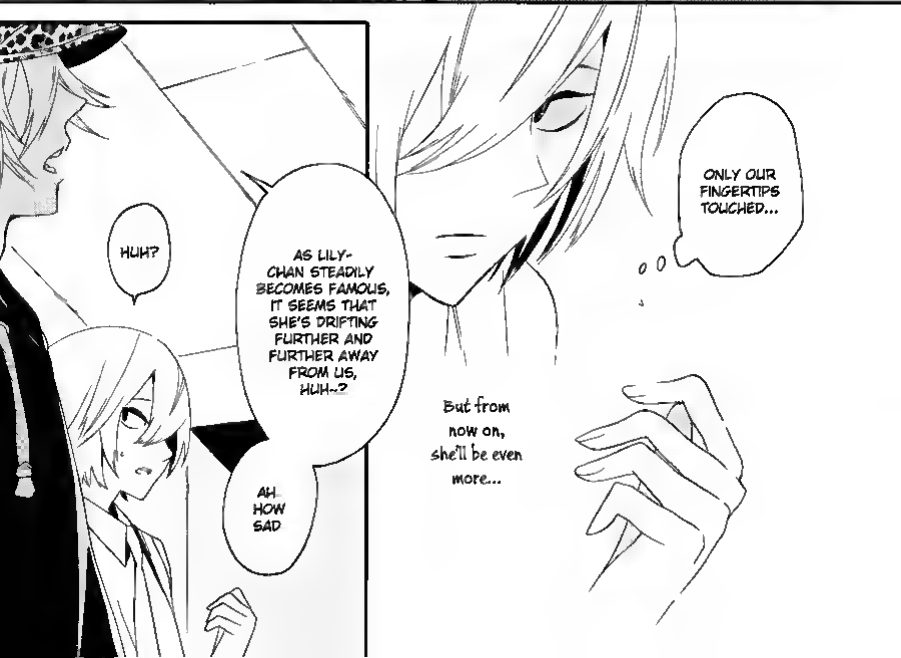
ba-dump

Why is it that my heart's pounding even louder than the live music I listen to...?

chatter
...AH...
What's she talking about?
UM...
What?
Who's her?
chatter
chatter
CLATTER
THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS THE OTHER DAY!
Oh right
THE HANDSHAKE.
LONG, LONGER, LONGEST.
BLUSH
HEY!!
WHY'D YOU SUDDENLY BREAK CHARACTER!? THERE'S A CAMERA HERE! A CAMERA!
I- I'M SO SORRY!
マネージャー

SHOVES

ALRIGHT NEXT PERSON PLEASE!



T/N: OTAKU=PERSON WHO IS OBSESSED WITH A CERTAIN INTEREST, ESPECIALLY USED WITH ANIME, MANGA, OR VIDEO GAMES

HOW GENEROUS OF YOU--
BUT INSTEAD OF CALLING YOU JUST A FAN, IT'S MORE LIKE
IT'LL BE GOOD IF I CAN JUST HELP HER TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.
THIS IS EARNEST LOVE HUH?
N-NO WAY!
blush
IF SOMETHING BECAME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO HER THAN THAT,
THEN WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN, RIGHT?
LILY'S DEVOTED TO BEING AN IDOL AND HER OFFICE STRICTLY FORBIDS ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS ANYWAY.
OH, IS THAT RIGHT~?
BUT...

throb...
...!
Something more important to Lily than being an idol...?
Twitch
I'M GOING THIS WAY!
GIVE IT THE OLD COLLEGE TRY~ ♥
Well see ya later
EH!? OLD COLLEGE TRY?
Do people still say that?
MIYAJI-SAN
...AH
W-

WHAT'S UP?
MY NAME...
IT'S HIRATSUKA RIRI.
I CAME TO SEE YOU BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO CALL ME BY MY REAL NAME.
Ah!
NO, NO, NO. TO DO A THING LIKE CALL IDOL LILY-SAN BY HER REAL NAME...
blush

W-
why...

is she
making a face
like that!?

AH,
UM..

MY FRIEND!
I WAS ABLE
TO BEFRIEND A
FELLOW FAN
FOR THE FIRST
TIME JUST
NOW

...
THE "IDOL"
ME...?

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
FRIENDS
AT SCHOOL
OR ONLINE,

AND
I'VE BEEN
QUITE ISOLATED,
BUT TODAY I WAS
ABLE TO MAKE
ONE FOR THE
FIRST TIME.

AND IT
WAS BECAUSE
HE'S ALSO
LILY'S FAN. AS
EXPECTED, LILY'S
INFLUENCE IS
REALLY
AMAZING...

...BUT
RATHER
THAN SAYING
IT'S LILY'S
INFLUENCE

SWOOPS IN
I SUPPOSE IT'S REALLY RIRI...
SAN'S
INFLUENCE, RIGHT...?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A BOY'S EVER CALLED ME BY MY FIRST NAME.
IT'S ALSO THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE CALLING A GIRL BY HER GIVEN NAME...
BUT HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS

Click
Click
THAT'S... LILY?
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH THAT PICTURE?
HUH?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
YOU'RE WAY TOO CLOSE.
SORRY
BUT SINCE THIS IS SUCH A COMMEMORATIVE MOMENT
PLEASE LET ME ENGRAVE THIS AFTERIMAGE IN MY MIND FROM EVERY POSSIBLE ANGLE
HM, HM
GUYS' JEALOUSY SURE CAN BE SCARY--
SCARY.

LONGLEKKAH LILY'S LIVE PERFORMANCE FOR TODAY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

ATTENTION, CUSTOMERS.

chatter chatter

MIYAJI-KUN, HEY~

AH, HELLO

S-SUSPENDED? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO LILY?

ARE YOU AN IDIOT?

GOOD THING I DIDN'T BUY A TICKET YET.

THEN, AS FOR THE TICKETS~~

Wan~

Wah~

WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?

WE'RE ALL SERIOUSLY SHUNNING YOU.

Let's go!

LIVE HALL

SEVEN

THERE'S BEEN TALK THAT YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH LILY-CHAN
APPARENTLY THERE WAS SOME INTIMATE PHOTO OF THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER, TOO.
HUH? WHAT DID I DO?
AH...
WELL... IT'S ONLY RUMORS, BUT...
IT SEEMS THERE'S BEEN QUITE A BIT OF ARGUING SINCE LILY'S MANAGER HEARD ABOUT IT...
AND THEN LILY-CHAN SAID THAT SHE WAS GOING TO QUIT BEING AN IDOL
WELL, THEY'RE REALLY JUST RUMORS, THOUGH.
... NO WAY...
BA-DUMP
THERE'S NO WAY RIRI-SAN WOULD STOP BEING AN IDOL...

WAIT, MIYAJI-KUN WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
TO RIRI-SAN'S OFFICE.
RIRI-SAN WOULDN'T QUIT BEING AN IDOL.
BECAUSE SHE'S WORKED SO...

WHY WOULD SHE DO THIS...?
SHE'S WORKED SO HARD TO BECOME AN IDOL
BUT...
THIS IS SO IMPORTANT TO HER...
IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY.
...WHY...?
"obtained my important dream of becoming an idol."
"Thanks to these little ones (this costume), I've now..."
WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO LILY-CHAN NOW IS...
IT'S BECAUSE SOMETHING ELSE HAS BECOME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO HER.
MIYAJI-KUN'S "LOVE".

SFX: BA-DUMP
ドクン!!
!!?
RIRI...
RIRI!
ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO QUIT BEING AN IDOL!?
I MEAN, YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD BECAUSE YOU WANTED EVERYONE TO LISTEN TO YOUR SONGS, DIDN'T YOU?
RIGHT NOW, THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN LOVE!
I DON'T WANT TO LIE ANYMORE!

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME RIGHT NOW IS MIYAJI-KUN.
I DON'T WANT TO BE A LYING IDOL.
IF IT'S NOT THE REAL ME, THEN MIYAJI-KUN WILL...
RIRI!!
I'VE NOTHING MORE TO SAY TO YOU!
WHY'RE YOU ACTING SO STRANGE!? HOW ABOUT WE TALK AGAIN AFTER YOU REST A BIT!?
HOLD ON. RIRI!?
WHY WON'T THEY LET ME QUIT!?
HUFF
HUFF

TOTTERING
TOTTERING
AS LONG AS I'M AN IDOL, WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER.
I CAN'T BE TOGETHER WITH MIYAJI-KUN.
IF IT'S LIKE THIS...
WHAT DO I DO?
BA-DUMP
HUFF
HUFF

COLLAPSE
OW!
WHAT.. IS THIS ..?
HUFF
TAP
HUFF
BUNNY
CUTE.
AGH!

BOOM
!?
THIS FEELING---
DON'T TELL ME...
DASH

SPRINTS
DAMN
IT WAS THE GYNOUS FIRST...
SWOOSH
AND THE ANDRO'S ON THE VERGE OF BLOOMING, TOO
TAP
TAP
TAP
CATCH

Whoosh
IT'S THE END OF THE FEAST.
HURRY UP AND SHATTER.

huff
huff
RI...
RI...
...-ER.
FWOOSH
MURDERER.
MURDERER
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
MURDERER.
MURDERER.
FWOOSH
FWOOSH

YOU'RE WRONG.
IT'S NOT PEOPLE I KILL.
IT'S LO--
BAM

CRASH
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
OUCH...
...W-
WHAT...?
!
FWOO
DAMN IT...
HER CORE...
I WASN'T ABLE TO DESTROY IT...?

TER-
RIS...
NIKE...
CHAN...?
H-...
rushes over
HOW!?
NIKE-CHAN!
NIKE-CHAN!

BOOM
!?
twitch
ANDRO...
DAMN IT. AT A TIME LIKE THIS, NIKE-CHAN'S...!
slip
DASH
NOW THIS ONE'S BLOOMED, TOO!
CRAP!

SFX: SLASH
SFX: BAM
THUD
WHOOSH

SNAP
slip...
NGH!
DAMN IT
SFX: CRACKLE
SFX: CRACK
SFX: CRACK
SFX: SNAP
SFX: SNAP
THEY'RE...
MERGING...

HUH?
OLT
STOP.
STOP...
STOP
STOP IT!

BAM
SFX: BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG

I'm only here for the sake of proving the lies (love) false...
and eradicating them.
FWUMP
clunk
Because we are...

the ones who've been bestowed with the destiny of killing love.

EXORCISTS*

T/N: THE KATAKANA SAYS "EXORCISTS" WHILE THE KANJI LITERALLY READS "LOVE DESTROYING EXPERTS"

SFX: SLIP SLIP
NOW THEN...
ALL YOU BASTARDS...
KNEEL DOWN TO ME.

AFTERWORD

FOR THIS FIRST VOLUME, I THINK I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT HOW KYOUAI CAME INTO BEING

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PURCHASING KYOUAI CATASTROPHE VOLUME 1

Kyouai

WHEN I WAS COMING UP WITH A STORY ABOUT "LOVE" FOR THE ONE SHOT

I'm no good at doing rom-coms

Maybe love in a fantasy

Love

MOAN

MOAN

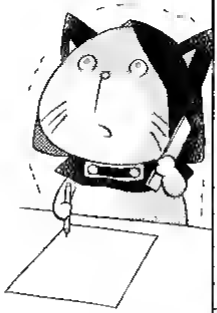
What is "love" in the first place?

Since when did "love" start?

AFTER SEARCHING WORDS RELATED TO "LOVE"...

PLATO HYPOTHESIZED "ANDROGYNOUS"

THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED



If Androgynous existed in reality...

I wonder how they would be defeated

THIS IS THE MOMENT KYOUAI CATASTROPHE WAS BORN...

·Peoples' love is due to Androgynous
·There are others who destroy it

WHEN I TALKED TO MY MANAGER ABOUT IT AT THE STAGE OF HAVING DECIDED ON NOTHING BUT THIS WORD...

How do they come into existence?

Uh... there's this kinda "whoosh" from the person...?

How does that happen?

When their love is satisfied...

A BARRAGE OF HELLISH QUESTIONS CAME,

AND SOMEHOW OR OTHER, THE SETUP FOR THE ONE-SHOT WAS COMPLETED

TN: SHUTTERED SHOPPING STREET= SHOPPING STREET WITH MANY CLOSED DOWN SHOPS

THOUGH THEY SAY STUFF LIKE THIS SINCE THE IDEAS ARE SO DARK

(ON THE OTHER HAND, SUPPRESSING THESE IDEAS WOULD BE DIFFICULT.)

BUT LET'S PUT THAT TO USE FOR KYOUAI!!

AND SO, FROM THIS AND THAT,
PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO KYOUAI CATASTROPHE FROM NOW ON!
—MAYUZUMI

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On cute things
vs.
not cute things
PYON-MARU MAN
VERY CUTE
BUNNY
VERY CUTE
BUNNY
VERY CUTE
ROCK
ROCK
TERRIS (NORMAL)
NOT CUTE AT ALL
TERRIS (WITH BUNNY EARS HOOD ON)
CUTE
LOST TO THE PERVERTS
PERVERTS
CUTE
VERY CUTE